



## Fratton Big Local Newsletter August 2015

### Play Local

We are very sorry that we had to cancel our **Play Local** on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August. Unfortunately the long spell of bad weather had made the grass at the Rec waterlogged and the high winds on the day meant that it was not safe to put up the marquee and gazebos. We apologise for any inconvenience that this cancellation may have caused you.

### Open Space improvement project update

You will be aware that we have been looking to improve the green spaces in Fratton so that they can be best used by everyone.

We engaged Davies White, an award winning firm of landscape architects, who consulted with local people about improving Kingston Rec and St Mary's Churchyard at events such as the May Fayre and the Big Lunch picnic. They also visited local schools and organisations like Central Point.



*Anna and Matt from the Carnegie Library discuss the proposals for St Mary's Churchyard and Kingston Rec*

They have created a model showing the proposed improvements to Kingston Rec and a board showing proposals for St Mary's Churchyard. These can be seen at the Carnegie Library in Fratton Road from now until Tuesday afternoon. The model and board will then be on display at Fratton Community Centre until 6<sup>th</sup> September, and you can also see them at the Fratton Family Festival on 20<sup>th</sup> September.

If the community likes these proposals then we and our partners will seek funding to make the plans a reality.

For more information on the project and to see and comment on the proposals, please see [www.davieswhite.co.uk/frattonbiglocal](http://www.davieswhite.co.uk/frattonbiglocal).



Alternatively you can contact Fratton Big Local on 023 9229 4341 or [community@frattonbiglocal.org.uk](mailto:community@frattonbiglocal.org.uk).

**It's not too late to give us your views!**

## Community Chest Grants Update

At our last Partnership Board meeting we awarded grants to the following groups:

1. Make & The Craft Kitchen - This will enable them to run free workshops and buy materials for street decorations for the Fratton Family Festival in September.
2. Fluid Motion Theatre- The project allows children the opportunity to work alongside other schools and professional artists to create and perform an abridged version of a Shakespeare play.

If you want to find out more about our Community Chest grants, please see <http://frattonbiglocal.org.uk/index.php/community-grants/about-grants>. Or contact Anna on 07841 341 969 or [community@frattonbiglocal.org.uk](mailto:community@frattonbiglocal.org.uk).

## New Board Members

We are pleased to welcome two new board members, Jo Bennett and Clare Martin. Jo is Portsmouth City Council's Commercial Property and Leasehold Services Manager; Clare is the Director of Community Projects at Pompey in the Community. They both have skills and experience that will strengthen our Board and help us to achieve our aims.

## Dates for your diary:

20<sup>th</sup> September - Fratton Family Festival.

2<sup>nd</sup> December - Festival of Light

If you have some spare time and would like to help us with any of these, or if you want a stall at the Fratton Family Festival, please contact us:

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